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PDC FINES LOCAL CANDIDATE AND ELECTED OFFICIALS **FOR FILING REPORTS LATE**

Olympia – Chair of the Public Disclosure Commission, Mike Connelly, issued civil penalties after finding a local candidate and ten elected officials in violation of state Public Disclosure laws during brief enforcement hearings held today in Olympia.

Paul Waadewig, a 17th Legislative District candidate for State Senator, was found in violation of state law for failing to timely file campaign finance reports during his 2004 campaign. Waadewig was fined \$500 with \$250 suspended for failing to timely file six Contribution Reports during his campaign, a post-election Contribution and Expenditure Summary Report, and last minute contribution reports when he received two large contributions shortly before the General Election.

In a separate hearing, Chairman Connelly found ten elected southwest Washington officials had not timely filed an annual Personal Financial Affairs Statement (Form F-1). State law requires elected officials and certain state appointed officials to file an F-1 with the Public Disclosure Commission by April 15th reporting financial activity for the preceding year.

Connelly stressed the importance of filing reports that disclose personal financial interests and holdings.

“These reports afford the public tangible proof that officials are acting in the public interest and not for their private gain,” Connelly said.

A letter reminding each official of his or her obligation to file was sent during the first week of May 2005. On June 4, a second letter with an opportunity to pay a civil penalty and forego an enforcement hearing was sent.

Government officials from southwest Washington who were assessed a penalty at the brief enforcement hearing were:

Ronald Brummel, Director for the Raymond School Dist. #116, was found in violation and assessed a civil penalty of \$100.

Elaine Pfeifer, Director for the Washougal School Dist. #112, was found in violation and assessed a civil penalty of \$100.

Jeffrey Baillargeon, Director for the Crescent School Dist. #313, was found in violation and assessed a civil penalty of \$150.

Gregory Colfax, Director for the Cape Flattery School Dist. #401, was found in violation and assessed a civil penalty of \$400.

Gertrude Dupris Marcellay, Trustee of Centralia Community College, was found in violation and assessed a civil penalty of \$150.

Kristine Fritzpatrick, City Council Member for the City of Kalama, was found in violation and assessed a civil penalty of \$150.

Linda Jones, Mayor of the City of White Salmon, was found in violation and assessed a civil penalty of \$150.

Pete Poulsen, City Council member for the City of Kalama, was found in violation and assessed a civil penalty of \$150.

Kenneth Olson, Commissioner for Pacific Co Hospital Dist. #2, was found in violation and assessed a civil penalty of \$300.

Susan Brooks, Commissioner for Lewis Co Hospital Dist. #1, was found in violation and assessed a civil penalty of \$100.

Officials found in violation at the hearing will have an opportunity to ask the full, five-member Commission to review the action taken by the Chair.

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